

# P A P E R S

Presented to the  
*Parliament*, against the Lord *Inchequin*  
Lord President of *Munster* in *Ireland*, sent  
from Captain *Cromther*, Vice-Admirall  
of the Irish Seas.

*And the Lord Inchequins Declaration.*

With a

## DECLARATION

Subscribed

By severall eminent Commanders, late  
of the Army commanded by the Lord  
INCHEQUIN.

Read in both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

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Die Sabbathi, Aprill 15. 1648.

**T** Hese Papers concerning the Lord Inchequins dissenting the Parliament, with his Declaration, And the Declaration of the Officers, is appointed to be Published.

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*the Lord Inchequeen, Lord President of*  
Munster in Ireland.

*Right Honourable,*

I Am sorry I have so sad a subject as to occasion this, some time since, having been at Sea, and absent from this Port, some few dayes, in my absence the Councell of Warre exhibited Articles against Sir *William Fenton*, Knight and Colonell, Colonel *Edm. Temple*, Lieutenant Collonell *Faire*, and Major *Doddum*, which Gentlemen they have committed close prisoners, to foure severall Garrisons, not permitting any to have correspondence with them; upon my returne into Harbour here, where I presently understood of these sad divisions, I immediately wrote to the Councell of warre (my Lord being abroad in the field) that they would grant the imprisoned the liberty of Subjects for me to send to them to see what they had to be transmitted to *England*, which from them I could not obtain, which gave me cause of much suspicion of their actions, and occasioned my present dispatch of a Letter to be posted to my Lord, to know whether things were acted by his pleasure, and that his

his Honour would declare his intention, in regard I  
 heard a rumour he would make a Cession with the  
 Irish, which I protested against, and that if he did, I  
 would block up all his Harbours, my Letter obtain-  
 ing no Answer, till his return to Cork, in his way  
 home at Mayall his actions produced this inclosed, up-  
 on which I took Order for shipping, to lye in all his  
 Harbor mouthes, and declared my best assistance and  
 succour, to my utmost power to all, whether Officers,  
 Souldiers, or others, that would defend him, two dayes  
 since he sent me leave to send to the Gentlemen in pri-  
 son, which I suddenly did, and yesterday received  
 two Letters, one from Colonell Temple, the other  
 from Sir William Fenton, the latter of which desires  
 me to impart to your Honour his request, that you  
 would be pleased to mediate to some of the honou-  
 rable Houses of Parliament, that a Letter may be sent  
 from them to my Lord Inchequin, desiring his trans-  
 mitting the imprisoned Gentlemen into England, to  
 receive their triall there, which he desires you to be  
 mindfull of. And that he farther advices you, that he  
 conceives, that if the Houses would be pleased to send  
 over Commissioners speedily, with some monies, that  
 most, both Officers and Souldiers might be obtained,  
 and so consequently the Garrisons, which (Sir) true-  
 ly is my opinion likewise: forasmuch as I have heard  
 from some Officers with whom I have had some con-  
 ference: which is all at present I have to communi-  
 cate to your Honour, onely to subscribe my self,  
 Bonaventure Kinsale, My Lord,

April 5.

1648.

Your Honours in all service to  
 be commanded,

JOHN CROWTHER,  
 The

**THE**  
**Declaration of severall eminent Commanders, late**  
**of the Army commanded by the Lord**  
**INCHEQUIN.**

**I**N obedience and discharge of our trust to the Parliament of *England*, sitting at *Westminster*: we give this information under our hands, to be presented to them, which wee shall be ready to make good in our persons upon oath, *viz.*

That the Lord Baron of *Inchequin* Lord President of *Munster*, having been abroad with some part of his Army, whereof we are members: Did upon the third of this moneth upon his returne home, being at *Mayalle* send for us, who have hitherto subscribed to appeare presently before at his Quarters, which being performed, and all of us assembled together in his presence Chamber: His Lordship declared this unto us, that in order to the Nationall Covenant, and to that particular branch thereof, which concerns the re-investing His Majesty in his Thron: he had with the advice of his Officers taken a resolution to oppose the present pretended Parliament in *England*: who were forced by an Independent faction, they having broken all Oathes and Covenants, which they had made both to God and Man: and to that purpose, was now putting himselfe into a posture of defence: And that for the managing of this Designe, he had correspondency with the King, with the *Scots*, and

generally all the Presbyterian party that were agreed with the King : who were resolved to endeavour to their utmost the re-inthroning the King, and restoring a free Parliament, which hee fully declared this not to be : And for the better effecting and carrying on this Designe, he was resolved to joyne with the Lord *Taff*, and the whole *Irish* of the Province of *Munster* : who have assured him of their assistance, both with their persons and estates, and that he had now sent for us, who were onely the suspected party of the Army to report this to us, and to require of us our resolution whether wee all would comply with him in this or no : To which we answered, We stood for the King and Parliament, as we had ever done, upon which he required us not to juggle with him, but to declare whether it was this present Parliament wee meant, for he said the truth was, they did not acknowledge this to be a Parliament : To which we answered his Lordship, we could not comply with him : He still using many aggravations, to make good what hee had said against them, and further said, Hee hoped to see this present Parliament laid flat on their backs by *Michaelmas* day, and that this was no rash resolution, but a premeditated action, he being confident, that let it come to the worst it could, yet in spite of all, he would be able to procure good terms both for himselfe and the rest that adhered to him : and that which induced him chiefly to put it in practice at present was, that he was now assured, he was before-hand with the Independent party, which hee never was before ; yet hee had thought for some time longer to have forborne his declaring, but yet some suspicions, the Vice admirall Capaine *John Crowthe*



*Cromber* had of him; could not permit him to carry it private any longer, in regard the said Captain *Cromber* had protested against him, and blockt up his Harbours. And his Lordship did further declare, that al which would not joyn with him in this design, he required them to depart and go for *England*, for that he would not permit any neare him, or in his Army, that would not faithfully comply with him in his intention; and as a motive to induce us to joyn with him, he informed us that he was certainly assured, that *Collonell Jones* had by order from the Parliament of *England*, made a cessation with *Owen Roe O'neal*, and that faction, who chose rather to enter into League with the Parliament then with the King: and in this respect hee would now joyne with the Lord *Taffe*, and *Munster* forces against the other. For the truth of all these we have hereto subscribed our names this seventh of *April* 1648, aboard the *Benaventure*, in *Kinsale* Harbour.

*Christopher Elsing.*  
*Alexander Barington*  
*John Gray.*  
*Thomas Davis*  
*Thomas Chandlor.*

**W**E under written having this present  
 seaventh of *Aprill*, 1648, heard read  
 unto us the severall heads made by the Lord

*In*

Inchequin, to the respective Commanders in  
his Presence Chamber at his head Quarters  
at Mayalls, the third instant forementioned,  
doe declare, that the said things were in the  
field upon the same day propounded to us,  
and the other Officers then in the Army,  
whereupon he desired our compliance, wee  
refused the same, as inconsistent with our  
duties to the Parliament, and thereupon  
dissested our several Charges and Offices un-  
der his command.

John Benyworth  
William Battle,

Silliam Stotesbury,  
John Gettings,

Christopher Ellison.  
Alexander Kingston  
John Pratt.  
Thomas Davis  
Thomas Chancellor

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